



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08203.0030.01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3743
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Camtu Tran NGUYEN
Filed: June 20, 2003)
For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)
SURGERY AND A VALVE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins at page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this Amendment.

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02 FC:1202 750.00 DP